

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 1 through 4 with the following amended paragraph:

using an automated voice interface to the database over a communication line, prompting a user to enter accounting data by speaking (i.e., in a manner free of keyboarding, logging into a global network and/or intermediately transferring data), the voice interface receiving audible signals indicative of words spoken by the user in response to said prompting;

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 11 through 18 with the following amended paragraph:

After successful entering of user ID and password, the user may input a wide variety of accounting data related to expense reporting, timesheets, travel planning, purchase requisitions and financial record keeping for tax purposes and internal reporting, as well as review information, by using natural language speech utterances. The speech interface (3) includes a range of natural language prompts and protocols which guide users through the process of entering data by speaking. Speech interface 3 employs technology disclosed in (or similar to) U.S. Patent No's. 6,101,473; 5,960,063; 5,510,606; and 6,138,088. Thus the user enters data by speaking instead of keyboarding and in a manner free of the user logging onto a global network and free of intermediate transfer of data by the user.